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TO: All State Agencies, Departments, Boards,  
Commissions and Universities

SUBJECT: Garnishment Calculation

A recent court decision has altered the way a garnishment amount is to be calculated when there is also an order for child support withholding in effect. This calculation should be made as follows:

1. Calculate the amount that could have been applied to the garnishment had there been no order for child support withholding.
2. From the above amount, subtract the amount for child support.
3. The difference, if any, would be applied to the garnishment.

For example, an employee has \$150.00 that could have been applied to a garnishment if an order for child support withholding had not been in effect. The order for child support withholding is \$100.00 for this pay period. You would deduct \$100.00 for the child support plus the processing fee and \$50.00 for the garnishment. Assume in this example that the order for child support withholding was \$200.00. In this instance, you would withhold \$200.00 for child support plus the processing fee and no deduction would be made for the garnishment.

Agencies should begin using this new method of calculation immediately. Remember, this new calculation applies only when an order for child support withholding and a garnishment are in effect at the same time. It does not apply to other types of involuntary withholdings.

Questions regarding this bulletin should be referred to Dan Steven or Nancy Smith at (217) 782-4758.

Sincerely,

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